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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Typical Gesture

RUSSIA'S unqualified rejection of the Indian proposals for dealing with the prisoner of war problem is a characteristic gesture, emphasising once again that when it comes to a question such as this, the Soviets will acknowledge the correctness of only one formula—their own. Mr Vyshinsky's dismissal of the Indian plan was contemptuous in tone and utterly lacking in logic. To suggest that the proposals would do nothing towards ending the Korean hostilities quickly is complete nonsense, and equally ridiculous is his contention that the plans advanced by Mexico and Peru are based on "unjust, spurious and therefore weak arguments." The whole attitude of Vyshinsky defies logic and admits of no compromise. For him and the Kremlin, consideration of any proposals other than those put forward by the Communists is out of the question. Either the United Nations accept his formula—a cessation to hostilities and the repatriation of all prisoners under the direction of an 11-nation commission—or discussions are off. This intransigence is dictated purely by political motives and a determination on the part of Russia never to commit herself to a compromise which might suggest giving in to majority opinion. The Russians have followed the same line in all manner of negotiations relating to international affairs, believing only in the tactics of obstructionism.

RUSSIA has now given notice that the Communist bloc in the United Nations will vote against the admission of the Indian truce plan, no matter to what degree it may be amended from its original form. Likewise, if instead of the Indian proposals, the 21-nation resolution on the subject is finally preferred by the General Assembly, Russia and her satellites will vote solidly against that. One point yet to be determined is whether the Peking Government is willing to be persuaded by the Kremlin to reject the Indian plan. Mr Vyshinsky is not empowered to speak in the United Nations for Communist China, and the fact that the proposals were first unofficially submitted to Peking for consideration, and apparently were not rejected out of hand as a basis for resolving the POW problem, leaves the door ajar for further approaches to the Chinese, despite the position adopted by Russia. From the practical point of view Peking is more interested in a cessation of the Korean hostilities than Russia, and while she may find it expedient to give propaganda lip service to the Soviet attitude, she is still capable of exerting influence in the matter of truce negotiations, if she so desires. It is to be hoped that India will not abandon her efforts to convince Peking that her proposals offer the best solution to the POW dispute.

Britain Develops New Jet Engine

London, Nov. 26. Britain has developed a more powerful and fuel-saving Sapphire jet engine. It can be run on kerosene, diesel oil or turbine fuel.

Alircraft carriers with Sapphire-engined fighters will not have to carry a special supply of aviation fuel. The new Sapphire will be used in the Gloster, Javelin and Delta Wing fighters (which has been given top priority production for the Royal Air Force and can break the sound barrier) and in the American version of the Canberra twin-jet bomber. The manufacturers, Armstrong Siddeley, announced the improved Sapphire today, but gave no further details. It has been stated however that power output has been steadily stepped up from 7,200 pounds thrust in August 1950 to 8,300 pounds thrust last April—the greatest power disclosed for any jet engine production. The Sapphire is being built in Britain and the United States.

2,000 Kikuyus Rounded-Up

POLICE AND TROOPS CLEAR WHOLE AREA

Operation Includes Men Women And Children

Nairobi, Nov. 25. Troops and police today expelled every Kikuyu man, woman and child from the district near Thompson's Falls, where serious Mau Mau terrorism has been rife. Five hundred men were detained in a special compound at Thompson's Falls after the operation. Lancashire Fusiliers, King's African Rifles, Kenya police, police reserve and government officers assisted in the forced evacuation of nearly 2,000 natives from the area. All the natives' cattle, sheep, goats and poultry were impounded.

Since the Mau Mau terrorist emergency began, there have been serious Mau Mau crimes in the area, culminating with the murder of a 54-year-old retired British naval officer and the serious slaying of his wife last week. There are 20 European farmers in the area from which the natives were expelled. The operation began at dawn with 40 trucks and aircraft. The expulsion took nearly all the labour from farms in the area but farmers agreed it was a "wise move."—United Press.

NEW POWERS. New government powers to suppress the activities of the Mau Mau were outlined in the Kenya Legislative Council today. Mr John Whyatt, member of the Legislative Council, said part of the plan to combat lawlessness was to put into effect recommendations for improving the Colony's intelligence system made by Sir Percy Sillitoe, Chief of the British Military Intelligence, who flew to Kenya from Britain last week. He explained there would be a network of police stations covering the 40 locations of the Kikuyu reserves by December 10th. Until more European officers were available, he added, the Kenya regiment would be seconded to the police force. A government spokesman said that by cutting procedures of ordinary law, the new powers would allow cattle to be seized more rapidly and allow "squatters" to be dealt with speedily. Any district officer who decides that residents in his area have failed to make a reasonable effort to prevent crime or to stop criminals escaping, or residents belonging to or actively supporting an illegal society, will be able to invoke the new regulations.

CONFISCATION RIGHTS. The district officers would then be able to confiscate cattle and vehicles of the residents; close shops, markets and trading centres up to fourteen days, and evacuate homes. If such action is taken, the Governor can either release the seized property or order it forfeit to the government so that it can be sold. Mr Elliot Mathu, leader of the African members, asked Mr Whyatt in the Legislative Council what he proposed to do to minimise the victimisation of innocent Africans by the police during the state of emergency. Mr Whyatt replied that he could not accept the implication that Africans had been deli-

berately victimised by the police. During the present emergency, Mr Whyatt said, a necessary method of hunting civil-doers was by large scale sweeps and searches, and it was inevitable that some innocent Africans would suffer temporary inconvenience. The solution lay with the Africans themselves. If they ceased sheltering criminals and co-operated with the police, sweeps and searches would cease to be necessary. Five Kikuyu tribesmen were remanded in custody by a Nairobi magistrate today, charged with conspiring to kill senior Chief, Waruiji Wa Kungu, bringing to fourteen the number of people detained on charges concerning the chief's murder. The police are seeking for more Kikuyus. Twelve Kikuyus appeared in a magistrate's court at Naivasha, 60 miles north-west of Nairobi, today on a charge of murdering British farmer, Eric Bowyer, on October 28th. Today's evidence chiefly concerned the movements of the accused on the night of the murder and the subsequent discovery of stolen property. The hearing will be resumed on Thursday.—Reuter.

Bomb Outrage In Tunis

Tunis, Nov. 25. Several people were injured when a bomb exploded in the de la Casbah here tonight, latest in a series of terrorist activities in the last 24 hours. The bomb exploded as Government employees poured out of nearby offices on their way home. It was a time bomb apparently set to explode when the streets would be full of Europeans. Six French Government workers were slightly injured and a woman, Jeanne Remy, had a finger of her right hand torn off. Two other women were among the total of seven injured.—Reuter.

Hampton Court Fire



There was a blaze at Hampton Court one night last week and hoses played on the stained glass windows of the Great Hall (left) to prevent them from cracking. The fire was confined to the two top storeys of the Tudor Wing. A quarter of the roof of the burning building was destroyed. The fiercest blaze came from the old oak panelling. The flames spread to two ceilings which collapsed.—Daily Express Picture.

Insurrection By Indonesian Army Officers

Djakarta, Nov. 25. Senior Army officers in three Indonesian commands overthrew their commanding officers in protest against high-level Army interference in the country's civil government, it was revealed here today.

The commanding officers in Sourabaya, Macassar and South Sumatra were forced to give up their commands by groups of their own senior officers in a series of incidents rising out of the October 17 disturbances. At that time, demonstrations took place in a number of Indonesian cities to call for the dissolution of Parliament, following Parliamentary criticism of the Defence Ministry and Army leadership.

In a statement earlier this week, the government identified some groups in the Army with the October 17 disturbances, and incidents in the Army commands apparently reflected the feeling among many officers that the Army should concern itself only with military affairs. The Army officers deposed Lt-Col. Sugondo in favour of Lt-Col. Sudirman in Sourabaya, replaced Lt-Col. Gatot with Lt-Col. Warouw in Macassar, and Lt-Col. Kretarto took over from Lt-Col. Kosasih in South Sumatra a few days ago. The Government expressed disapproval of the oustings but did not brand them as mutineers. The matter is being held at the Cabinet level rather than by the Defence Ministry. The complex political background and tensions within the Army were believed to have convinced the government that the affair could not be handled as one of ordinary mutiny or insubordination.

All senior officers who overthrew their commanders later expressed their complete loyalty to President Sukarno as Supreme Commander of the armed forces, and said they looked to him for a resolution of the present situation. They said they would accept President Sukarno's decision on their actions.

OBJECTION. Their motives have not been clearly set forth in detail, but one reason given was their objection to the fact that on October 17, some senior army officers had attempted to force Mr Sukarno to dissolve the Parliament on the grounds that the Parliamentarians had objected strongly to alleged Defence Ministry interference in other government affairs.

Communist "Traitors" Confess Their Guilt

Vienna, Nov. 25. Karol Svab and Bedrich Reicin, last of the fourteen accused to be examined, both pleaded guilty today in the big Prague Communist treason trial, Prague radio reported. All the former top Communists standing trial have now confessed their guilt to a long list of charges covering treason, espionage and sabotage. Security police and troops packed the court-room at today's hearing, the radio reported. Reicin, a former Deputy Minister of National Defence, admitted responsibility for the death of Julius Fucik, a Czech national hero. He also admitted betraying and handing over to the German Gestapo during the war the central committee of the wartime illegal Czech Communist party. Earlier Svab admitted that as Deputy Minister for State security, he covered the activities of foreign imperialists and Yugoslav spies and put into important positions in the State Security Service "elementary unreliable for Czechoslovakia and the regime."

"THE REAL LEADER"

The accused include Rudolf Slansky, former Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist party who was described as "the leader" of the conspirators, and Dr Vladimir Clementis, former Czech Foreign Minister. The indictment against Svab said he was "the real leader of public security," a disguised war criminal who tortured prisoners in German concentration camps. He was reported to have confessed: "I filled the key positions of the security apparatus with former policemen, Zlocitels and other hostile elements and liquidated those who tried to expose them." The indictment added: "Svab confessed to creating favourable conditions for the carrying on of espionage and for the concealment of the activities of American, English, Yugoslav and other agencies and espionage groups." During last night's hearing, excerpts of which were broadcast by Prague radio today, Otto Sling, former Communist regional secretary in Brno, said that in England in 1944 he was given "concrete espionage tasks for his future work in Czechoslovakia."—Reuter.

"RIDICULOUS" CHARGE

Stockholm, Nov. 25. The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr Osten Unden, today described as "ridiculous and without any foundation whatsoever" the charges against the former Swedish Minister in Czechoslovakia by Rudolf Margolius who is on trial for treason in Prague. Margolius is reported to have confessed passing secret economic information to the Minister, Mr Wilhelm Winther, now stationed in Madrid. Mr Unden would not say whether Sweden would take any action in the matter.—Reuter.

TWO AIR CRASHES

London, Nov. 25. Two crashes involving three Royal Air Force planes took the lives of two jet pilots and injured five others on Tuesday. The pilot of a Royal Air Force jet was killed near Salisbury at noon when his fast fighter collided in the air with an RAF Valiant transport. Five men on the transport were injured—several seriously. The damaged transport made a forced landing. The planes were coming in for a landing at a Southwestern England field. Late Tuesday afternoon the pilot of a Meteor jet was killed when his ship crashed into a field near the Cambridge-Huntingdon road. The plane burst. The jet involved in the collision with the transport, crashed in flames.—Associated Press.

Hedy Lamarr Sues Ex-Husband

New York, Nov. 25. Actress Hedy Lamarr filed suit in the Supreme Court on Tuesday to collect \$10,000 from her former husband, John Loder, for support of their three children. Under a California divorce decree in 1946, Loder is required to pay \$500 a month for the children's maintenance.—Associated Press.

THE KOREA TRUCE DEADLOCK

Still Likely UN Will Approve Compromise Resolution

United Nations, Nov. 25. With the closure of the Korean debate in the Political Committee and its adjournment today to study the priority of voting, hope seemed to have receded that a truce would result, no matter what resolution was passed. But the following circumstances were noted as pointing toward the possibility that a compromise resolution would be passed, incorporating an appeal to the Communist side in Korea, whatever the outcome of the appeal might be.

1. The Soviet attack on the Indian proposal was immediately followed by criticism from the West. This was exemplified by Mr Dean Acheson, the American Secretary of State, promising "wholehearted support" if minor changes were made in the Indian resolution. One of these changes was that there should be an overlapping period between the sitting of the repatriation commission and the political conference on Korea, whereas previously the Soviet Foreign Minister's speech, the United States was known to be opposed to consideration of the prisoner issue by the political conference at all.

2. Immediately after today's adjournment of the Political Committee, there was a meeting of the Asian-Arab group to study the Korean position and align their viewpoints if possible. Apart from India, Indonesia had shown an interest in bringing forward a compromise resolution. Dr L. N. Fairuz of Indonesia announced in the Political Committee two days ago that he supported the Indian resolution, but reserved the right of his delegation to introduce amendments or a substantive resolution if necessary.

3. It is believed that the Indonesian point of view was considered at today's meeting. 4. An Indian spokesman explained in detail the basic principles behind the Indian resolution and the limits beyond which it could not go. Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, the deputy leader of the Indian delegation, was reported to have carried most of the group with him. As a result of the Asian-Arab group's meeting and the talks that have been going on among the members of the 21-nation group, it was considered as settled that the Indian resolution will receive priority by a big majority.

It was the belief of some delegates that the language used by Mr Menon in trying to steer clear of an extremely difficult legal deadlock might have led to mistranslations of his speech, causing such misconceptions. In spite of Mr Vyshinsky's criticism yesterday and his

PRIORITY DECISION

United Nations, Nov. 25. The 21 nations primarily interested in the Korean armistice deadlock met privately today and decided to give priority to discussion in the Political Committee of the Indian resolution. After a 50-minute meeting behind closed doors, Sir Percy Spender of Australia, chairman of the 21-nation group, read the following statement: "The 21 co-sponsors of the resolution of October 24, 1952, met this afternoon and unanimously reached agreement that priority in the voting should be given to the resolution tabled on November 17, 1952, by the delegation of India and revised on November 23."

The meeting also decided that "necessary textual clarifications" would be sought in the last paragraph of the Indian proposals dealing with the disposition of prisoners of war unwilling to be repatriated to make it conform to the intention of the paragraphs outlined in statements made in the Assembly's Political Committee.—Reuter.

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King Gustav's Birthday Celebrated



Among the 200 guests attending a luncheon given by the Anglo-Swedish Society in London to celebrate the 50th birthday of King Gustav of Sweden, are Norwegian Ambassador Prebenson (left) with his wife, and Danish Ambassador Count Reventlow.—Express Photo.

Gold Coast May Be World's Main Aluminium Producer

Oldest WAAC To Stay On

Kingston, Surrey, Nov. 25. Sixty-year-old Staff Sergeant Agnes Galloway Russell, Britain's oldest serving WAAC, plans to stay in the Army as long as the authorities permit. She served in the First World War and, on demobilisation, joined the Territorials. In 1939 she returned as a regular and has been in the Army ever since. She is stationed at Kingston.—Reuter.

DOMINION PREMIER'S SCHEME

London, Nov. 25. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Sidney Holland, suggested today that there should be a meeting between Commonwealth and United States representatives as soon as possible after the Prime Ministers' conference beginning on Thursday. Mr. Holland said there should be frequent and regular meetings between Commonwealth and American statesmen to discuss their common economic and political problems. The American people have a very good understanding of our British problems and the more that they can learn about them the better for the world in general, Mr. Holland told a Press conference. Mr. Holland said that while in London he would take the opportunity to discuss the ANZUS pact with Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden. "What we want to do is to put our point of view to the British Government," Mr. Holland declined to answer detailed questions about the forthcoming Prime Ministers' conference, but said the Commonwealth had now achieved a balance with the non-Sterling areas. The task now would be to bring about an expansion of production and trade. "We also want to see what can be done about bringing about convertibility between Sterling and the dollar,"—Reuter.

At least 75 per cent of the output would be offered to Britain, who now gets over four-fifths of her supplies (203,000 tons in 1951) from ablar sources. World demand for aluminium is expected to grow rapidly and might treble by 1975.

Conquering Malaria Menace in Italy

Rome, Nov. 25. Italy expects by the end of the year to have won a costly five-year-old battle against malaria. Before the Government campaign began in 1946 there were 411,000 malaria victims in Italy. In the first eight months of 1952 there were 85, according to official figures.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 25. Britain's 40-year-old plan to turn the African Gold Coast into the world's largest producer of aluminium may be put into effect next year, a Government report announced today. The \$144,000,000 project — biggest Colonial development project ever contemplated — aims at an annual output of 210,000 tons. The supply of bauxite, aluminium's raw material, should last 200 years at that rate, experts say.

A progress report, issued as a Government White Paper, says a commission has been established to determine whether the investment will be foolproof. It is expected to report back in a year and if no insurmountable difficulties threaten, the Government will flash the green light. British officials are jubilant at the prospect of ensuring sufficient supplies for defence and commercial requirements without having to face a heavy drain on the nation's precious gold and dollar reserves. The bulk of the territory's output would be earmarked for Britain. The development calls for joint Commonwealth efforts between Britain and the Gold Coast Government, in co-operation with private aluminium producers in Britain and Canada. Electric power would come from the 1,000-mile-long Volta river, which flows from the north-west to the south-east corner of the West African territory. But plans call for a 2,000-square mile reservoir lake, a 504,000-kilowatt power station, a dam near Ajena, about 700 miles from the river's mouth, to harness it.

The price of aluminium in Britain today is about £160 a ton compared with about £94 a ton in 1939. Last year, Britain used 316,000 long tons of virgin and secondary aluminium, though her own production was only 27,000 long tons. This new scheme might enable Britain within seven years to cut her dollar purchases of aluminium by one third. Full cost of the development would break down to the following figures: The British Government £50,000,000; Gold Coast Government and private investors £44,000,000. Aluminium companies £42,000,000.—Reuter.

Public Works. An aluminium smelter would be erected 12 miles from Ajena. Extensive public works — railroads, highways, housing, schools and other amenities — would be part of the plan. Premier Kwame Nkrumah's Government decided that a new port at Tema is required and work on this has begun. Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Britain's Colonial Secretary, and Gold Coast Ministers discussed the scheme with Canadian and British aluminium producers at Accra, capital of Gold Coast, last June.

At least 75 per cent of the output would be offered to Britain, who now gets over four-fifths of her supplies (203,000 tons in 1951) from ablar sources. World demand for aluminium is expected to grow rapidly and might treble by 1975.

The first stage of the plan would take six to seven years, cost £100,000,000 and yield 80,000 tons of aluminium annually. Full development might take 20 years to achieve. The project would be a partnership between private enterprise — primarily responsible for aluminium production — and the British and Gold Coast Governments, responsible for the hydro-electric scheme and the public works and services.

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"IKE'S" TRIP TO KOREA

Britain Not To Be Represented

London, Nov. 25. Informed officials said last night that U.S. President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower will make his trip to Korea without any member of the British Government accompanying him. A British diplomat may, however, be in Korea when Mr. Eisenhower gets there. The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, has been pressed in Parliament to have a ranking Cabinet Minister accompany the American leader. But Mr. Churchill has taken no apparent action to do so.

When Mr. Eisenhower landed last week with the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, the general Korean situation was discussed among other subjects. What passed between the two men has remained a closely-guarded secret in the Foreign Office.

Officials did say, however, that Mr. Eisenhower did not invite the British Government to send along a Minister with him. And Mr. Eden himself did not suggest it.

DENING MISSION. There has been much speculation here that Britain's Ambassador to Japan, Sir Esler Denning, will be on hand in Korea for consultations if any question directly relating to British interests should arise during Mr. Eisenhower's visit. Sir Esler has just returned to Tokyo from Korea. He flew there a day or two ago with the United Nations Commander, General Mark Clark. The Foreign Office said Sir Esler made his first trip to the battle zone to see U.N. troops at the invitation of Gen. Clark.

The official British view of Mr. Eisenhower's trip to Korea is that it flowed from the American electoral campaign and should therefore be regarded more as an American enterprise than a U.N. job.—Associated Press.

Midinettes Parade In Paris

Paris, Nov. 25. Parisian midinettes, young girls who work in the big downtown houses, paraded the streets in fancy dress today in honour of St Catherine, their patron.

Those over 25 and unmarried, known as "Catherinettes," wore fantastic hats and hair styles, designed by themselves. One headress was an apple in a wire cage surmounted by a heart and the legend "The Forbidden Fruit." Another girl wore playing-card emblems of hearts, diamonds and clubs with the emboldered question: "Would you like to play with me?" St Catherine's Day is a holiday for midinettes, who stroll on the boulevards in fancy dress, prepared weeks before or act plays and hold parties in gaily-decorated workshops. Late tonight the Catherinettes will go to several balls held in their honour. Highlight of the evening will be the election of the queen, who will receive a dowry of 5,000 francs. Then the sempstresses and their partners will dance till dawn, snatch a few hours' sleep and return to the workshop.—Reuter.

They Got Their Answer

Seoul, Nov. 25. Chinese Reds wheeled a loud-speaker to the top of a mountain 3 1/2 miles Northeast of Sniper Ridge tonight and broadcast the following invitation in Chinese and Korean: "You have a great deal of force but you have not been able to destroy the Chinese forces. You should change sides and come to North Korea. You will receive lots of promotion, good food and clothes." South Korean troops defending the central front position answered the invitation with a roaring artillery barrage.—Associated Press.

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Dollar- Pound Alliance

Plan By American Businessmen

London, Nov. 25. A plan for an "alliance" between the dollar and a convertible Pound Sterling to rebuild freedom of payments and trade throughout the world was announced tonight by the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

The plan makes detailed recommendations to the British and United States Governments. The announcement was timed for the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference opening on Thursday and for President-elect Eisenhower's policy-makers.

Copies of the plan are being sent to Mr. Eisenhower's staff, to the British and other Commonwealth Prime Ministers, to all members of Parliament and members of the House of Commons, and to leading organizations in Britain and the United States.

Britain, the plan says, must be competitive and make her Pound good. She must eliminate her economy, reduce Government spending, cut taxation and promote savings, step up productivity and attack all restrictive practices.

The United States must act in accordance with her position as the world's largest creditor and trading nation, the Chamber says.

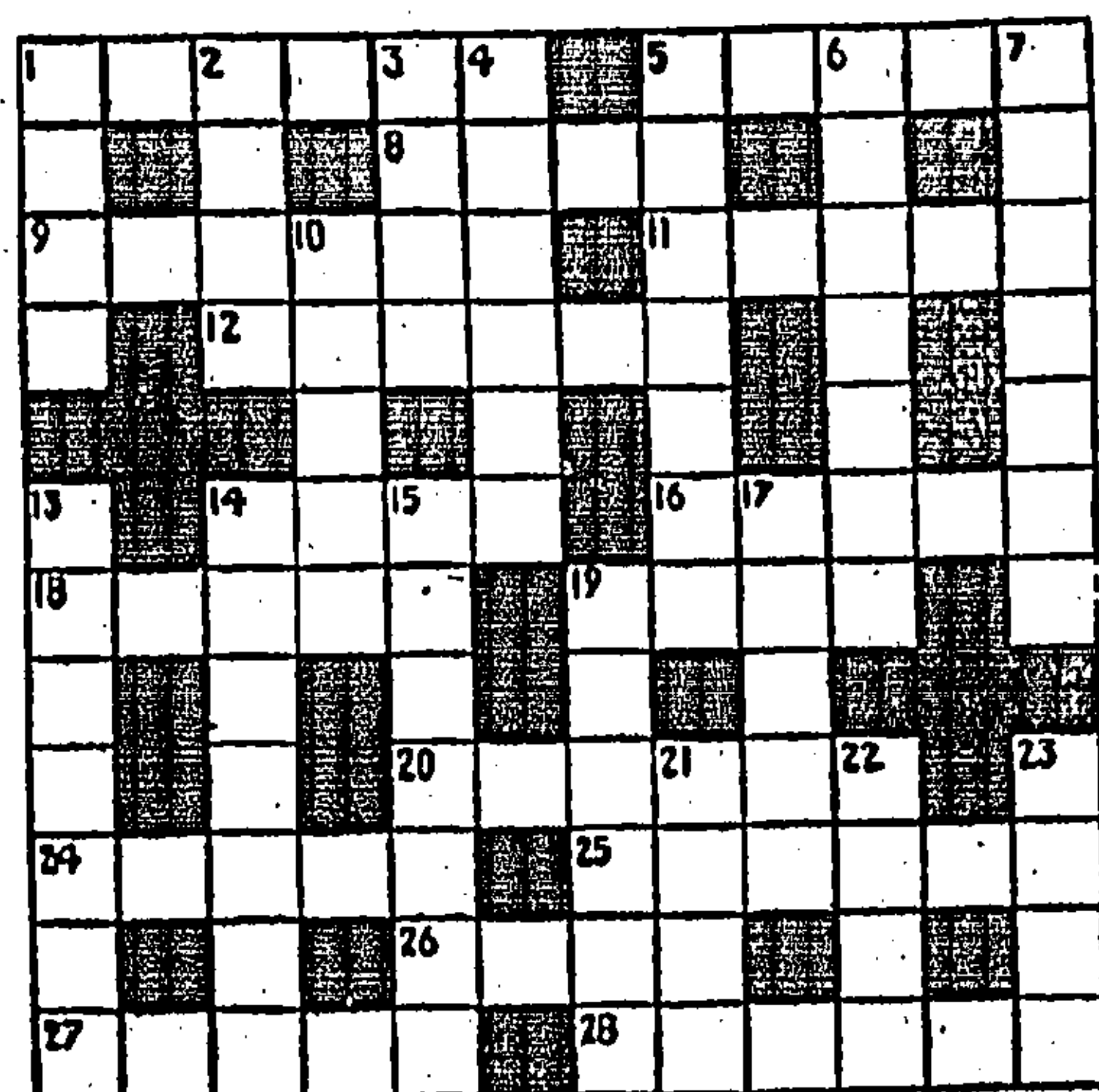
Proposals made in the plan include lower tariffs, ending of all quota restrictions on imports and the "Buy American Act" enlargement of American investment in the Sterling Area and elsewhere abroad, and the ending of restrictions which require American loans to be spent in the United States.

The Chamber calls for expansion of the "Point Four" technical assistance programme, long-term contracts for foreign raw materials and reconsideration of subsidies to American producers.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Envoy

Belgrade, Nov. 25. The Yugoslav Minister of Marine, Max Brice, has been transferred from his post and appointed Yugoslav envoy to Japan, a Tanjug news agency report said today.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Decapitate (6).
- 5 Part of a church (5).
- 8 Rain hard (4).
- 9 Lifted (6).
- 11 Shy (5).
- 12 Carry on again (6).
- 14 Crippled (4).
- 16 Expressions (5).
- 18 Active (5).
- 19 Spot (4).
- 20 Whisky (6).
- 22 Retain from (6).
- 27 View (5).
- 28 Forge (6).

DOWN

- 1 Cowshed (4).
- 2 Successor (4).
- 3 Animals (4).
- 4 Infer (6).
- 5 Bears witness (7).
- 6 Preels (7).
- 7 Write on back of document (7).
- 10 Part of a flower (5).
- 13 Soldier's votes (7).
- 14 Litho (7).
- 15 Communication (7).
- 17 Tales of heroism (5).
- 19 General departure (6).
- 21 Abound (4).
- 22 Part of a sword (4).
- 23 Support (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Spends, 4 Edict, 7 Urgent, 8 Trump, 10 Bath, 12 Spectre, 15 Ecce, 16 Tent, 17 Eked, 18 Demon, 20 Dangled, 21 Room, 23 Ugur, 24 Demon, 25 Drawn, 26 Gralls, Down: 1 Stumbled, 2 Eighteen, 3 Dene, 5 Director, 6 Camera, 8 Speed, 11 Hedgerow, 12 Sides, 13 Tene, 14 Elements, 15 Kales, 22 Heed.

Labour MPs In Kenya



Two Socialist Members of Parliament—Mr Fenner Brockway and Mr Leslie Hale—recently visited Kenya to investigate the troubles there. Their expenses were paid by the Kenya African Union and the visit led to attacks on the two MPs (here shown in Nairobi) during a debate in Kenya's Legislative Council.—Express Photo.

Queen Elizabeth Plans Changes At Sandringham House

London, Nov. 25. Queen Elizabeth left London by car today for Sandringham, in Norfolk. She is seeing the estate for the first time since last February when her father, King George VI, died there.

CRISIS IN U.N.E.S.C.O. SOLVED?

Paris, Nov. 25. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation is tonight believed to be nearing a solution of its budget crisis. Heads of delegations met behind guarded doors for two hours today to discuss the crisis arising out of the resignation of Director-General, Dr Torres Bodet. In protest against the decision of UNESCO's general conference to cut his proposed budget of \$23,500,000, by \$2,500,000.

The acting President of the conference, Mr S. M. Sharif, of Pakistan, announced afterwards that he had suggested a possible approach to the solution of the crisis, but he would give no indication of the proposal. Observers considered that a plenary session announced for tomorrow would not have been called unless there was a strong hope of a large measure of support for the proposal. "I have some hope that UNESCO will emerge from the crisis stronger and more vital for its ultimate role," Mr Sharif told a Press conference. The question of Dr Torres Bodet's successor will only come up after the conference has agreed to accept the resignation.—Reuter.

Labour May Send Official To Asia

London, Nov. 25. The Labour Party may send a leading official on a fact-finding tour of Asia.

The move is a development of increasingly close links between British and Asian Socialists and would follow the Labour Party leader, Mr Clement Attlee's visit to India, Pakistan and Burma in January.

The Party Executive will decide tomorrow whether Mr Saul Rose, head of its international department, should go in January on a mission to Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, India, Pakistan and possibly Israel.

If the project is approved, Mr Rose will visit Socialist parties in these countries and will report back to the Labour Party on means of furthering contact. The trip, likely to take five weeks, will be financed by the Labour Party.

One of his tasks will be to collect local views on projects for Asian development, such as land reform. Mr Attlee will go to Burma in January to attend an Asian Regional Socialist Conference.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV MISSION. The Yugoslav Communist party will send a top-ranking delegation to the Asian Socialist conference meeting in Rangoon in January, the Secretariat of the conference announced today. The delegation will be led by Lieutenant-Colonel Ljubo Vukovic, will visit Burma early next month to return a visit by a Burmese mission that toured Yugoslavia in August. The Indonesian delegation to the Socialist conference will be led by Dr Soetan Sjahrir, first Prime Minister of the Indonesian Republic. The Indonesian delegation will comprise six delegates, six alternate delegates and a few observers. Japan's Social Democratic party (left wing) will send a ten-man delegation led by M. Suzuki, Secretary-General of the party. The Tunisian Nationalist Party will be represented by Tayeb Slim who has been campaigning in Europe and the Middle East for support for his party's nationalist struggle. The Socialist Party of East Pakistan will be represented by its Chairman, Mr N. Chakravarty, and Secretary, Mr D. Ghose.—Reuter.

ELECTIONS IN THE SAAR

Inhabitants To Go To The Polls At The Week-end

Bonn, Nov. 25.

The Saar elections, due to be held on Sunday, are regarded by many West Germans as a cause of serious delay to the policy of European unity advocated by their Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer.

This is not, however, the official opinion. Dr Adenauer, in a recent broadcast, appealed for speedy unification of Europe and for the continuation of talks with France in spite of the election.

He said that if Europe were united, the Saar problem would vanish automatically.

Johannes Hoffmann, Premier of this rich industrial territory, explained that the elections must be held under the Saar's Constitution. The German-speaking Saar has political autonomy though it is economically linked with France. But, he added specifically, the election will not stand in the way of any subsequent agreement between West Germany and France on "Europeanising" the Saar.

Nevertheless, the fact that elections are being held has temporarily disipated public enthusiasm in West Germany for European unity projects, brought the quarrel with France to the fore.

The Bonn Government has made its position clear. It does not recognise the Saar Government because the Saar was separated from Germany without consulting the Germans. Nor will it recognise the new Saar Government resulting from the elections.

Political parties in West Germany do not limit themselves to passive expression of non-recognition. The Free Democrats, second party in Dr Adenauer's coalition, called for the population of the Saar to wear white pins on their lapels as sign of protest against the Saar Government's refusal to allow the three parties advocating reunion with Germany to take part in the election.

PRESS ATTACKS

This appeal was published in the West German Press. So was a proclamation from the three banned parties, calling on Saarlanders to stay away from the polls or to return spoiled papers. The Social Democratic party at Bonn officially supports the proclamation.

Newspapers have also published attacks on the French and Saar authorities, accusing them of financial manipulations aimed at furthering their political aims.

West Germany has a special Press service devoted entirely to the Saar and to attacking the French and Saar authorities. The "Deutsche Saar Zeitung" and the "Allgemeine Zeitungsausschnitt West" (General Newspaper Service West—a news sheet) are published at Bad Kreuznach, a pleasant little spa town just over the border from the Saar in the palatinate.

In the Saar, it is alleged that "these organs are financed by Jakob Kaiser's all-German Affairs Ministry at Bonn, which, though mainly interested in East Germany, has a special Saar Department.

A Bonn Government official admitted in private conversation that Government money goes from time to time to publications at Bad Kreuznach. But, he added, much more French money goes to newspapers in the Saar.

The West German Press often gives the impression that the Saarlanders would vote decisively in favour of return to Germany, were the three pro-German parties—the Christian Democrats, the Social Democrats and the Democratic party—allowed.

Officials and politicians, however, are more reserved. A spokesman of the all-German Affairs Ministry refused to give any estimate of the strength of pro-German feeling. The leader of one of the three banned parties, who came here at intervals for consultations with the West German Government, thought the three parties, if admitted, would make a good showing, but could not at present be sure of getting 50 per cent of the votes.

Observers here believe that if the three parties had been sure that the majority of the population was on their side, they would have called for voters to return spoiled papers.

Since they urged people to return spoiled papers or stay at home, they would be in a position to claim that the naturally lazy and disinterested were pro-German as well.—Reuter.

Weather Hinders Air Search

Anchorage, Nov. 25. Foul weather over the Gulf of Alaska, "blitzed" of storms, hindered planes and ships in the search for a C-47 Globemaster and the 52 men on board.

The Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard combined forces in the sweep along the island and mountain-dotted coast on which the big Alaska-bound transport flew to almost certain disaster on Saturday night.

Twenty-seven planes, including four from the Kodiak Naval Base 250 miles southwest of here, were poised for a dawn takeoff to resume searching the open gulf and lofty mountains on the missing transport's line of flight to Anchorage.

Three Coast Guard cutters continued a radar and visual search of Prince William Sound.

The huge Globemaster, the third military air transport lost in Alaska since November 7, vanished on Saturday on a flight here from McChord Air Base, Washington. It carried a crew of 11 and 41 military passengers.

A report that wreckage had been sighted near Middleton Island, where the Globemaster made its last radio contact on Saturday, caused a brief flurry of excitement yesterday. Later the "wreckage" was described as driftwood and seaweed.—Associated Press.

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DRUG STORES

Sitting On The Fence

By NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHAT about having
a cash boy in your
home for Christ-
mas? The idea occurred to
me after reading a report
by a London magistrate on
juvenile courts.

In one of these chair-
men paid the fine of a young
thug, called him a naughty
little fellow and wished him a
happy Christmas.

If this is the official attitude
towards thuggery, then every
right-minded citizen should help
by entertaining at least one
cash boy during the jolly festi-
ve season.

★ ★ ★

Here are some hints on how
to make the naughty little fel-
low feel at home.

The Christmas tree should be
hung with coshes, daggers and
bicycle chains.

All crackers should be loaded
with small hand grenades. This
ought to make the Christmas
dinner go with a bang. (Ha,
ha).

On Christmas Eve, Father
Christmas, an old lag from
Dartmoor, should fill the cash
boy's stockings with firearms,
jermies and explosives for
blowing up safes.

Christmas games should be
played with marked cards.

Have plenty of old ladies
staying with you. Cash boys
can't resist old ladies. If you
want to make the boy happy,
you must let him play with his
toys.

Have an ambulance ready to
take the old ladies to hospital.

★ ★ ★

When the cash boy leaves,
the morning after Boxing Day,
give him a £1 note and wish
him a happy New Year.

If he knocks you senseless
with the cash from the Christ-
mas tree, and takes the rest of
your money, you can at least
tell yourself (if you recover)
that you have given a poor
little social misfit a happy
Christmas.

P.S. If you would rather have
a happy Christmas yourself,
either don't have the cash boy,
or hire a fly-weight boxer to
dress up as one of the old
ladies and see what happens.

My Real Self

By Her Highness
Queen Lottie, The Devil
Cat

I AM glad to announce that,
at the enormous expense of
2lb. of rabbit (4s. 2d.) and a
chicken gizzard, I have obtained
the exclusive rights of the life
story of Lottie the Devil Cat,
Queen of The Dustbins.

Queen Lottie calls her story
"My Real Self," and in this, the
most vivid, topical, and revealing
royal story ever printed, she
will write of her remarkable
life with intimacy and frank-
ness.

★ ★ ★

She will tell of—
Her first romance with the
tough, battle-scarred American
cat, Manhattan Mouser, and the
anger of local cats at their
meeting.

Lottie's first impression of
Manhattan Mouser. "Although
he wasn't quite the gentleman,
he was gay and reckless and his
whiskers were divine."

The secret dustbin tryst,
when The Mouser first declared
his love for the young queen,
and how she boxed his ears.

The first and exclusive descrip-
tion of Manhattan Mouser as a
cat. (This is guaranteed to be
clean.)

The Mouser's remark to a
friend. "She's certainly got what
it takes and has the sweetest
little chassis in the English
speaking world."

Her grand tour of the tiles
with The Mouser and how he
taught her square dancing on
the flat roof of The Sea Nest.

★ ★ ★

What romance with a cat like
Manhattan Mouser means to a
young and beautiful girl. (This
is also guaranteed to be clean.)

"My Real Self," beginning
next week, is the enthralling
personal narrative of a simple
girl awed by the whirlwind
courtship of a fascinating, yet
unprincipled, he-cat.

To avoid disappointment,
order your copy in advance.

Tonic talk

DO you sometimes feel that
you are not appreciated;
that you are not properly re-
warded for honest endeavour;
that your genuine desire to do
your best and give good value
for the money you earn is not
noticed by those who benefit by
your efforts?

If you feel like this, remem-
ber the story of Ranby Lovely,
the six-year-old black and white
cow that broke the world record
for butter fat production.

Ranby Lovely has never
bothered her pretty head about
rewards for honest endeavour.

Modestly, and without a
thought of personal gain, she
has produced in a year enough
butter to provide rations for 283
people. Indifferent to praise or
blame and content with the same
rations as other cows she has
done more than her duty.

Yet fame has come to her un-
sought. Photographers and
B.B.C. television camera men
were there to record her
triumph.

★ ★ ★

If you do your duty modestly
and patiently, like Ranby Love-
ly, fame may come to you as
you sit on your office stool. Any
day the manager may give you
another ledger to look after.

Although your triumph will
not be photographed or tele-
vised, you, like Ranby Lovely,
will have the satisfaction of
knowing your work is appreci-
ated even if, like Ranby Lovely,
you get nothing else.

"Virtue is its own reward,"
Once quoted an industrial
lord.

"And those who ask for many
raises

"Are certain of some sharp
surprises."

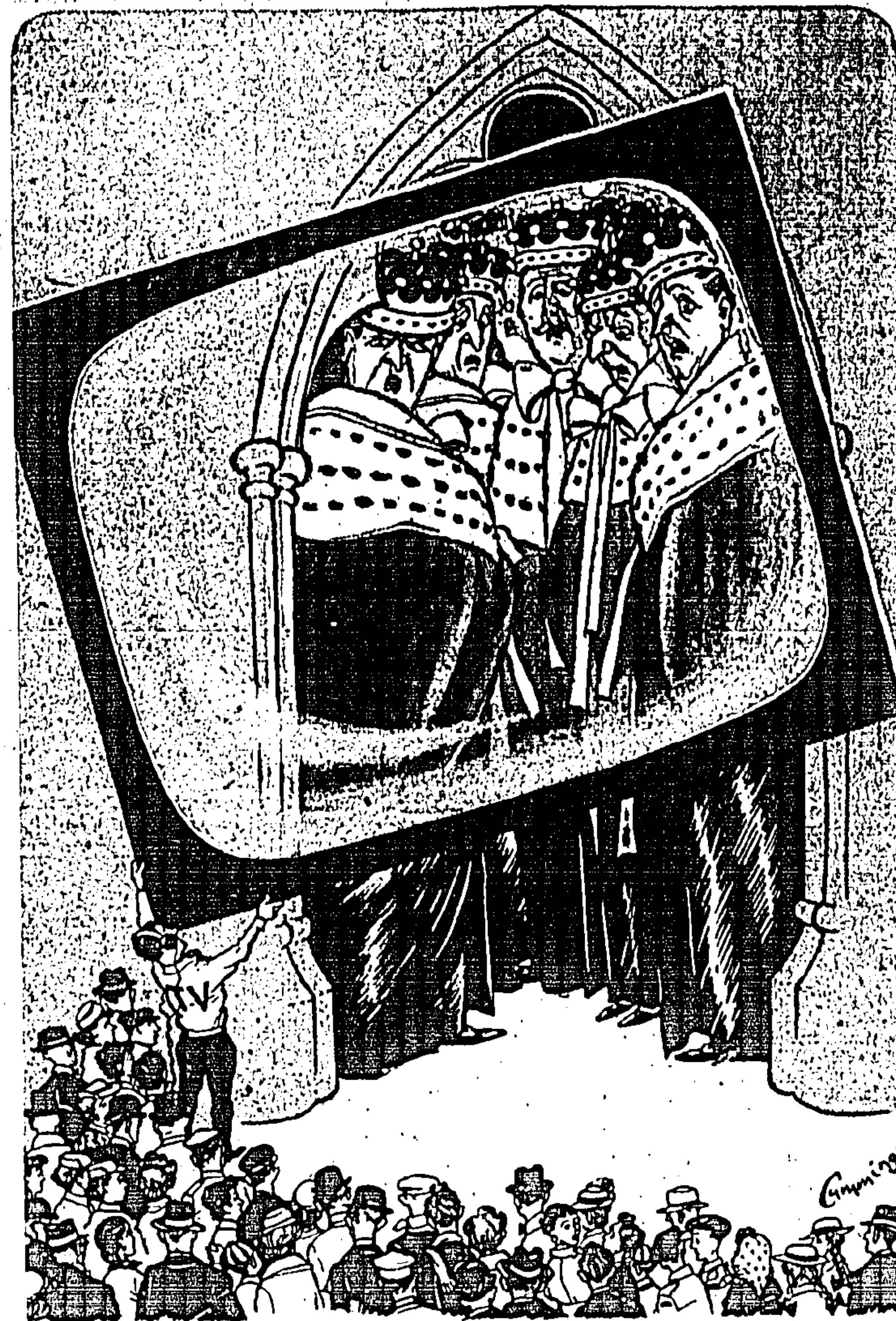
"Contentment with your lot

"Efficiency in men and cows,
"And those who grumble, mark
and sneer

"Can get the hell right out of
here."

And don't forget in any crises
To do your morning exercises.

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"THAT DREADFUL MAN IS STILL WAITING
OUTSIDE FOR AN ANSWER!"

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COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE—2

THE PROBLEMS OF CONVERTIBILITY

(By A Special Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH the Com-
monwealth Prime
Ministers are ex-
pected to devote the
greater part of their time to
the problems of Common-
wealth development, other
equally vital matters will
figure prominently on the
agenda for their conference
tomorrow.

Next to the need to ac-
celerate economic develop-
ment within the sterling
area, the Commonwealth
Finance Ministers, at their
meeting in London last
January, stressed the im-
portance of making sterling
a freely convertible cur-
rency. And, as was shown
in the previous article, the
two problems are closely in-
tertwined.

The best way to make sterling
strong and to establish the
economies of member countries
on a sound and stable basis, so
as to prevent the recurrence of
crises, was to secure a higher level
of trade between the sterling
area and the rest of the world.
And this aim could best be
achieved when sterling was
freely convertible into all the
world's main currencies.

INTENTION

"WHEN this state of affairs has
been reached," the Ministers
stated, "the countries of the
sterling area will have freer
access to the output of North
America and other important
regions and to adequate resources
of external capital for develop-
ment."

The Ministers also declared in
their final statement that it was
their "definite objective" to make
sterling convertible and to keep
it so. Their intention was to
work towards that goal by
progressive steps aimed at
creating the conditions under
which convertibility could be
reached and maintained.

The first step they took was to
set up a study group of Com-
monwealth officials to signpost
"the road to convertibility," and
their report will now form the
basis for the Prime Ministers'

discussion on the future status
of sterling. That report has not
been published, so any attempt
to forecast the outcome of their
discussion must remain a matter
of guesswork. However, it can
be stated with reasonable
assurance that a good deal of the
enthusiasm expressed last
January by many of the
Dominions for immediate con-
vertibility has by now evaporated.

The reason for this can be
seen in the recent movement of
the balances held in London by
the self-governing members
of the sterling area. These
balances—which form the
bulk of these countries' "foreign
currency" reserves—fell from
£2,182 million in June, 1951 to
£1,513 million in June, 1952.
And, since then, they have prob-
ably been even further reduced.

BALANCES

WHEN these reserves were
abnormally high, the self-
governing sterling countries not
unnaturally wanted them to be
made freely convertible. The
United Kingdom, which would
then have had to find gold or
foreign currencies against foreign
drawings on the Dominions'
sterling balances, just as
naturally opposed convertibility.
But now that these balances have
been reduced to a more normal
level the Dominions—with the
exception of Canada, which re-
mains, as always, an outspoken
advocate of immediate con-
vertibility for sterling—have
moved nearer to the views of
the U.K. authorities.

But the problem now takes a
different form. Or, rather, the
same problem concerns a
different set of countries. While
the balances held by the self-
governing sterling countries have
fallen, those of the dependent
sterling territories have gone on
rising. On June 30 last, the
colonies' sterling balances stood
at £1,042 million, a rise of £775
million over the preceding six
months.

Convertibility would therefore
be less embarrassing to the U.K.
Government now that the
colonies' sterling balances are
at a level consistent with their
need to maintain adequate
trade must be raised to a level

high enough to satisfy all the
sterling countries' dollar needs.
And before this can be done, the
sterling area must earn sufficient
dollars to rebuild its depleted
reserves until they are able to
withstand all but the most
violent fluctuations in trade.

It may not be necessary, how-
ever, for the sterling area to
attain this exalted position before
attempting a limited experiment
in convertibility. Total sterling
balances are lower now than at
any time since the end of 1943.
The Commonwealth countries can
be relied upon to exercise
restraint, and arrangements could
probably be made to prevent a
rapid drawing down of the
£842 million held (on June 30
last) by non-sterling countries.
The balance of payments con-
dition should not be too difficult
to fulfil at the present reduced
level of trade; for the time being,
at least, the drain on the gold
reserves has been halted. And
as for the possibility of a
disastrous flight from the pound,
this should prove to be less of
a bogey now than at almost
any time since the 1940s.

The United Kingdom, for its
part, achieved this objective
during the first half of the year
—and even earned a modest
surplus. Certain factors were
operating in the first half-year
which are not expected to benefit
the U.K. balance of payments to
the same extent during the
current six months; but Ministers
declared that this should include
at least a balance with the dollar
area within the same period.

It is unlikely, however, that
the rest of the sterling area did
so well in the first half of the
year. Remedial measures to
correct their individual problems
came later in these countries
than in the U.K.; but import cuts
should by now be having a
substantial effect on their
balance payments position. All
in all, it appears likely that the
Finance Ministers' objective will
be reached by the year's end.

ENCOURAGING

AS for the sterling area's
position vis-à-vis the dollar
area, the recent stability of the
gold and dollar reserves is a
definitely encouraging sign. But
if the sterling area has managed
to close the dollar gap and keep
it closed for six months, it has
done so only by a drastic reduc-
tion in its imports from North
America, including Canada, and
latterly from Western Europe.

Before the gap can be considered
permanently closed, however,
trade must be raised to a level
Commonwealth countries
should realise, however, that
convertibility, even on a limited
scale, can only be achieved if
they are willing to create the
conditions in which a "free"
pound would be able to hold its
own against other currencies in
a highly competitive world. And
foremost among these is the sup-
pression of inflation, with all
that this entails.

Boom City Has No Kick On Overtime

By William Hamsher

Hamburg.

FROM his high office
window Herr Krutz-
feldt gazed out over the
shimmering Alster Lake
and said: "Ja, ja, no doubt
about it, Hamburg is pulling
through."

Herr Krutzfeldt likes
speaking English, and
seems to have caught the
English habit of under-
statement. For Hamburg is
doing more than pulling
through. It has achieved a
degree of recovery that is
astounding.

The city's prosperity in-
dex needle was bobbing on
the 100 percent mark of in-
dustrial output (compared
with 1936). Now it is set
fair and firm at 106 per-
cent.

NOT BAD

"NOT" bad," commented
Herr Krutzfeldt,
boss of the shipbuilders'
federation, which has made
the base for Hamburg's
comeback. "Not bad at all
for a port which, besides
war damage and postwar
dock demolitions, lost three-
quarters of its life when it
lost the German East and
the trade with the Central
European countries."

Herr Krutzfeldt gazed again
at the busy ferries making
glittering furrows on the lake.
"You know," he said, "when I
reflect on your policy after the
first world war I must question
British common sense."

"You took from us all our
ships, it turned out to our ad-
vantage. It forced us to build a
brand new fleet."

FOR BRITAIN

THIS time it appears we have
done rather better by
the Germans. Allied insistence
that they build no ships faster
than 12 knots ceased three
years ago. So did restrictions
on size.

Now Hamburg is building
ships for many countries. Herr
Krutzfeldt's habit of under-
statement gave way to pride at
achievement. He said: "We
are building for Norway,
Sweden, the U.S., Denmark,
Holland, Italy, Greece, Peru,
Ireland, Canada, Indonesia—oh,
and of course, for Britain. But
not for Russia or Bulgaria, or
anybody like that."

Two years ago the Hamburg
yards gave work to 10,000.
Recently 20,000 signed on. And
5,000 more men would have
signed, but for the shortage
of steel plates that is troubling
shipbuilding firms just now.

FROM SCRATCH

ON the stocks at Hamburg are
37 ships. With the 50 build-
ing in Schleswig-Holstein yards
it adds up to more than 200,000
tons on the way to being
launched. This does not in-
clude the output of Bremen, in
the American "zone." And all
this in well under seven years
strictly from scratch.

Says Herr Krutzfeldt: "In
anything sizable we have a
definite advantage over Britain
in being able to guarantee
earlier delivery dates than you
could possibly manage. And we
can do repairs much more
quickly than you."

Why is that?
"Of course, in England you
have difficulties," Herr Krutz-
feldt answered. "Here they
don't mind putting in over-
time."

SUNDAY SHOW

SO it is that old "Blood and
Iron" Bismarck, gazing
down from his ugly memorial
high over the harbour, sees
many a fine new German ship
sliding into the Elbe.

This time next year German
liners will be sailing to Aus-
tralia, and on to the West Coast
of North and South America.
Then the German sea belt
round the world will be com-
plete.

Below Herr Krutzfeldt's room
in the same lakeside building
is another office. Its outlook is
less pleasing for those who
work there. They are British
and French officials of the
Military Security Board, whose
job it is to stop German ship-
builders turning to warlike de-
signs.

But Herr Krutzfeldt thinks
it is time the Military Security
Board went home. He is not
Official relations continue
most friendly: the Germans
invite the Military Security
Board men to luncheons. The
luncheons always happen on a
Sunday. It makes a show for
the riveters, and being on a
Sunday does not cut into a
time when they might be
riveting.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Odd Hand Usually Causes Headaches

NORTH (D)		
♠	73	
♥	AQJ742	
♦	AQ104	
WEST		
♠	QJ1000	
♥	J852	
♦	8	
♣	753	
EAST		
♠	K52	
♥	64	
♦	100053	
♣	J98	
SOUTH		
♠	743	
♥	AKQ109	
♦	K	
♣	K02	
North-South vul.		
North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥
2♠	Pass	3♥
4♠	Pass	5♥
5NT	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠Q		

By OSWALD JACOBY

I KNOW that there are more optimists than pessimists because practically everybody misplays the type of hand shown today. The good pessimist always makes the slam contract; a good optimist always comes a cropper.

West opens the queen of spades and dummy wins with the ace. The optimist lays down the ace, king, and queen of trumps in the hope of dropping the jack. In this case he has no much luck and the slam is doomed.

Our optimist does his best to recover by cashing the king of diamonds and entering dummy with a club in order to take diamonds on dummy's top diamonds. West promptly ruffs however, and is then able to cash two spades to set the plan two tricks.

The pessimist does not hope to capture the jack of hearts. After winning the first trick with dummy's ace spades, the pessimist immediately fineses the ten of hearts. When this finesse loses the jack of our pessimist is not a bit surprised. He never expects to win a finesse!

Now, however, West cannot defeat the contract. If West tries to continue spades, dummy's remaining trump will stop the suit. And, of course, South's trick-taking control of the other suits, South can easily regain the lead, draw the rest of the trump, and get his diamonds on dummy's diamonds.

Q- The bidding has been:
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Don't write down today's match at Wembley Stadium as one that contains no threat to England's prestige. And don't be so confident as to believe it will produce one-way traffic towards the Belgian goal for most of the afternoon.

This isn't alarm and despondency from one of England's players—merely a reminder that it is a match to be taken as seriously as any we have ever played against Continental countries. Moreover, it could easily develop into a classic as far as tactics are concerned.

Most people seem to have forgotten that the Belgian national side have played before at Wembley—on January 19, 1946, when England won by two goals to all.

That match is not entered in the record books as a full international but a glance at England's team on that occasion will show you that the quality was there: Frank Swift; Laurie Scott, George Hardwick; Billy Wright, Nell Franklin, Joe Mercer; Stan Matthews, Jesse Peck, Tommy Lawton, "Sailor" Brown and Jimmy Mullen.

A few days later the Belgians held the Scots to a 2-2 draw at Hampden Park.

Of the 13 matches between England and Belgium, England

have lost one (2-3 in Brussels, 1930), drawn one (2-2, in Antwerp, 1923) and won the rest. So, in assessing today's "certain" England victory, remember that shock of 1930. And to the credit of the Belgians, too, there are victories over Scotland (2-1, in Brussels, 1947) and over Wales (3-1, in Leeds, 1949).

The Belgians, you see, have prior experience of Wembley and they have beaten England, Wales and Scotland.

AN INSPIRATION

There is a great deal to be said—for teams as well as players—about the importance of having a superiority or inferiority complex as the result of previous meetings and matches, but the game today

will be decided in the main on tactics, teamwork and individual abilities.

And on all these counts the Belgians have behind them a wonderful inspiration in the person of trainer—coach Bill Gormic, once famous in these islands as a goalkeeper with Blackburn Rovers, Northampton Town and Lincoln City.

I didn't know Bill Gormic in his playing days but I have met him several times since and he must be one of the most capable and astute men in the game. I was in Belgium with my own team, Preston, during the close season and heard tributes to him on all sides.

He has written several books on Soccer and in them he lays special stress on diet as an aid to success. I agree. He also declares that no youngster should be hurried along in his football career. I agree again.

Players like Cliff Bastin, of Arsenal, and Jimmy Mullen, of Wolves, took part in League games not long after leaving school and are exceptions to the rule but we all know of others who have burst into the headlines as stars, only to flicker and then to pass from the scene of big-time footballing for good.

BALL PRACTICE

Bill Gormic believes a footballer should find the best years of his career between 25 and 35. I might have made the limit 32 but there is no doubt that experience saves the legs a lot—and experience, except to the genius, only comes with age.

The man behind our Belgian opponents has another strong point in his coaching armoury—don't overdo the training but give the lads plenty of ball practice. I agree once more. Control and use of the ball are essentials in football and, if I were running an amateur side, I would give them every ball in the club cupboard to kick about on practice and training nights.

I repeat what I have told you before—the average player, once he reaches full fitness, can keep himself ticking over for the rest of the season at no great physical effort.

At the time of writing it is stated that the Belgians will cross the Channel on Tuesday and will have no pre-match practice at Wembley. But don't imagine they will be a team without a plan.

Bill Gormic's men almost held the Austrians by a retreating plan in defence and by thrusting the ball quickly through to their own inside-forwards. And these of you who saw the England-Austria game at Wembley last year will know how successful it could be.

MATTHEWS' DISPLAY

One of Belgium's players, centre-forward Jeff Matthews, will have played against England in all the post-war games between the two countries. I remember him as a very fine inside-right in my first match against Belgium in 1947, when we won 5-2.

That game will always remain in my memory for the finest display at outside-right I ever saw—by Stan Matthews. Tommy Lawton got two goals. I scored two and Stan Mortensen one. Four of the five were the direct result of passes or crosses by Matthews. He was magnificent.

My second game—the 1950 match, when we won 4-1—was memorable because I started at outside-left and finished on the right wing. The forward-line was Jack Milburn, Stan Mortensen, Roy Bentley, Wilf Mannion and myself. Jack Milburn was hurt and Jimmy Mullen came on at outside-left as substitute—and scored one of the goals!

Like Matthews, our own captain, Billy Wright, will be keeping a hundred percent record in this series since the war. Billy has played twice in his usual England position of right-half and once at left-half—in 1947, when Tim Ward, of Derby County, came in as right-half to win his first cap.

Amateur Billiards

Championship

Calcutta, Nov. 25. Leslie Driffield, English Champion, beat Chandra Hirjee, India No. 2, by 1,387 points to 1,127 points in his second World Amateur Billiards Championship match here.

Driffield also won his first match in the tournament, in which the six competitors play each other.

The English Champion had breaks of 135, 123 and 81 against Hirjee, 130, 120, 109 and 69.—Reuter.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 13th December, 1952

(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).

Through Tickets (17 Races—\$34.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Peace Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5 D'Agular Street, Hong Kong
or
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "ALL CLEAR" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Betting Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later. Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Off Counters, as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once winners have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen not members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club House, at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 25818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

EIRE v. FRANCE AT DUBLIN



Eire drew with France 1-1 at Dallymount Park, Dublin, on November 17. Photo shows what might have been France's first goal, disallowed for offside.

GORDON RICHARDS AGAIN JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

Smirke's Feat Stands Out

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The most successful flat racing season since the war finished on November 15. The horse of the year is undoubtedly Tulyar, unbeaten winner of seven races and the record stakes winner in this country.

Although he has not been abroad, this colt has done much for the prestige of the British thoroughbred throughout the world.

Wilwyn, winner of 11 consecutive races, including the international event at Laurel Park, comes a close second.

These titles who continually refer to Dynamiter as being the best mile-and-a-quarter horse in Europe are ignoring the teaching of the form book. At York in August Zuchero beat Dynamiter fairly and squarely by two lengths.

That race was only a mile but Zuchero has won over a mile and a half and a mile and a quarter is his best distance.

If he had had any luck at all in America he would have held the honour of beating the French and the Americans in the same year.

JUST MISSES RECORD

The trainer of the year is Marcus Marsh. He just failed to break the record winnings for any one trainer in any one season.

Bad luck and then the war drove this trainer into comparative obscurity after the success of Windsor Lad in 1934 but he is now firmly established at the top.

Just before the war J. Gosden was the leading trainer under National Hunt rules.

here is another who has taken time to re-establish himself. His successes on the flat this season with the few moderate horses at his command have proved that he, too, is likely to reach the top again after waiting many years. His ability remains.

Charles Smirke won the Derby, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes, the Eclipse and the St. Leger—all in the same year.

This feat may never be accomplished again. He has been successful in America, he would undoubtedly have been acclaimed the jockey of the year.

GORDON AGAIN

Smirke went to America as an ambassador of the British Turf, in addition to being a great rider. Unfortunately his mount failed. Therefore honours of the year must once again go to Gordon Richards, who headed his last year's total of winners.

Gordon refuses to ride outside this country but nobody could do more good for British racing than the champion if occasionally he would ride abroad.

J. Lindley is acclaimed the apprentice of the year, with G. Colven the runner-up.

The sire of the year is 22-year-old Hyperion. Tenuis has won considerably more stake money with his offspring but his position is entirely due to the success of Tulyar. Without this colt he would be nearer the bottom than the top.

Hyperion has "sired" more winners than any other stallion this season, and, at his age, it is a highly creditable performance.

BIGGEST WINNERS

OWNERS			
Horses	Races	Stakes (£)	
H. H. Aga Khan	14	20	92,518
Mr. J. S. Gerber	4	15	25,773
Maharajah of Baroda	6	15	22,010
Sir M. McAlpine	6	10	22,735
Capt. A. M. Keith	2	7	20,494
Lord Milford	12	19	19,794
Mr. J. A. Dewar	6	27	15,477
Mr. S. Wootton	10	30	14,995

TRAINERS

Horses	Races	Stakes (£)	
M. Marsh	15	30	92,093
F. Armstrong	33	03	54,397
J. L. Jarvis	32	00	49,122
C. F. Elsey	34	02	49,727
V. Smyth	23	33	31,259
W. Nightingall	35	08	29,420
C. Boyd-Rochford	19	28	29,420
G. S. Colling	18	42	29,765
T. H. Carey	18	31	23,240
C. F. N. Muriess	31	47	21,785
P. Threlk	30	54	21,466

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
G. Richards	231	183	55	469
D. Smith	97	102	60	259
E. Mercer	90	88	68	246
E. Smith	81	70	68	219
L. Piggott	79	47	70	196
E. Birt	77	72	68	217
K. Gethin	53	68	30	151
N. Kevitt	74	71	62	207
W. Carr	69	57	46	172
W. Hickaby	63	46	40	149

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JAPAN & HONGKONG MEET ON FRIDAY IN BARODA CUP FINAL

Singapore, Nov. 26.

Playing on adjacent courts, Japan and Hongkong tonight bulldozed their opposition and the two teams will meet on Friday in the Baroda Cup final of the Asian Table Tennis Championship.

Hongkong's No. 2 player, Fu Chi-fang, lost that British Colony's first game since the tournament began to an 18-year-old Singapore junior. Loh Heng-chew beat the Hongkong star 21-16, 23-21 in a fast 20-minute two-set game.

Japan, in an apparent change of strategy, excluded World Champion Hiroji Satoh from the team which met Korea. Playing with tremendous force and energy, the Japanese players swept to a 5-0 victory over Korea.

Hongkong defeated Singapore 5-1.

The tournament turned out just as expected—Hongkong to meet Japan in the final on Friday, with Hongkong heavily tipped to capture the Cup.

Cheng Kwok-wong, rising Hongkong player, last night shut out Korea's No. 1, Chang Jung-ki 21-8, 21-15, 21-10 in the Men's Open Singles of the Asian Table Tennis Championships.

WOMEN'S LAST FOUR

Singapore, Nov. 25.

The Women's Singles reached the semi-finals and the Women's Doubles the final stages today.

Miss Yushiko Tanaka (Japan), Mrs. Gool Basak (India), Bangulu Wong (Hongkong) and Mrs. Mabel Hayes (Singapore) will contest the semi-finals in the Singles.

Miss Tanaka and Mrs. Nasikwala will meet Bangulu Wong (Hongkong) and Miss Wong Olan in the final of the Women's Doubles.

The Japanese girl and Bangulu Wong are tipped as eventual finalists in the Singles. Miss Tanaka has not yet dropped a game with her forceful smashing and immaculate stroke play.

Bangulu Wong has also been impressive and experts here consider her the only serious rival to the Japanese girl.—Reuter.

ARSENAL 11-1 FAVOURITES FOR THE CUP

London, Nov. 25.

Arsenal, beaten Cup finalists last season, have been installed 11-1 favourites to win the Cup this season in a list issued today by leading bookmakers.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, present leaders of the First Division, are on the 12-1 mark, with Sunderland at 14-1.

Five clubs are quoted at 16-1—Blackpool, Burnley, Liverpool, Portsmouth and West Bromwich Albion—while Newcastle United, winners of the Cup for the past two seasons, and Manchester United, the League Champions last season, share the 18-1 quotation.

At the other end of the table Accrington Stanley, bottom club in the Third Division North, are on at 6,000-1, £250 for one shilling.—Reuter.

Imperial Prize Meeting To Be Held At Bisley

Bisley, Nov. 25.

To celebrate the Coronation year an Imperial prize meeting will be held at Bisley from July 6 to 10 next year, for which competitors are expected to come from all parts of the world.

A special Coronation Aggregate Competition will be held for 200 prizes. The first prize will be a silver gilt coronation medal and £25. Prizes will be awarded to competitors with the aggregate of the following short range events:—Queen's first stage, St. George's first stage, The Times, The Daily Mail, The Daily Telegraph, Wimbledon, Alexandria and the Duke of Gloucester.—Reuter.

India Relies On Davis Cup Team Of Two

New Delhi, Nov. 25.

India will rely on a two-man team for the Davis Cup Interzone final against Italy in Brisbane next month.

The players, Sunand Misa (Captain) and Govind Vasanti, both 20, will leave India for Australia on Friday.

India's two leading players, Nares Kumar and Narendra Nath, withdrew from the team last week on account of "urgent business reasons".

The Interzone final will be played on December 11, 12 and 13.

The winners will meet the United States, North American zone champions, who will attempt to challenge the holders, Australia.—Reuter.

Sedgman Wins Helms Award

Melbourne, Nov. 25.

Australia's tennis ace, Frank Sedgman, won the Helms Athletic Award as Australia's "Athlete of the Year" for 1951. The Helms Award is made to the outstanding sportsman of each year in each continent. Names are inscribed on a six-foot high trophy in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, USA.

Another Australian tennis star whose name is on the trophy is Norman Brookes (now Sir Norman), big chief in tennis management here.—Reuter.

Snooker League Results

Results of Geo. Younger Snooker League matches played last night were:

KCC "Green" 5, PO Mess 4; Tamar 6, Kowloon 4; Chagomani 11, Cosmo 4; RAB 3, Enderby 4.

W.O. from KCC "Red" received 400 points.—Reuter.

ATHLETIC MEETINGS

Ladies' And Girls' Open On Dec. 7

An Athletic Meeting, open to ladies and girls only, will be held at the King George V School grounds on Sunday, December 7, under the auspices of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association.

This Meet, which is the first of its kind to be held in Hongkong, is to give organised athletic competition in a trial in events which so far have not been taken up by ladies and girls in this Colony.

The events are: 80, 100, 160 and 220 yards; 80 yards hurdles, high and long jumps, discus, javelin and shot putt, 4 x 100 relay, 80, 220, 100 and 80 yards medley relay and a team race of four legs each over 100 yards.

Enquiries regarding any special points may be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr F. J. Tinsley at 32189.

Prizes will be awarded for each 1st and 2nd position in both single and team events. There will be a special banner for the Club or School with the best total score. Team events will not count towards the score for the banner.

For team events, Schools will have first claim over Clubs. Girls may compete for Clubs only if their services are not required by their School.

For individual events, Clubs shall have first claim over their members.

South China's Inter-School Invitational

The Eighth Annual Inter-School Invitational Athletic Meet, sponsored by the South China Athletic Association and to be held at Caroline Hill on Sunday, November 30, and Saturday, December 6, has attracted a total of 469 entries from 27 schools.

Schools taking part are La Salle College, the Senior Industrial School, Hongkong Middle School, Sung Lam School, Tai Sing School, Gold and Silver Market Free School, Pui To Middle School, Pui Yee Middle School, Kowloon Tong School, Tuen Ching School, Pui Kiu Middle School, Man Shing School, Han Wah Middle School, Kowloon Eastern Middle School, Pui Ying Middle School, St. Clare's School, Wah Kiu Middle School, St. Louis Middle School, Tai Ming Middle School, Pui Ching Middle School, Sun Sau Middle School, Ning Ying Middle School, Chak Man School, Pui Chee School, Chung Ching School, Tung Chai Middle School and Kau Yan English School.

Mr L. G. Morgan, Deputy Director of Education, will officiate at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, November 30 at 10 a.m.

Mrs Tong Bun-nan will give away the prizes at the conclusion of the meet.

Donors of prizes are Messrs Tse Yee-chin, Wong Chin-ling, Kwok Chan, Chan Nam-cheung, Tang Chor-kwan, Lee Ming-chak, Ho Sin-hung, Chow Chan-jewoy, Law Yuk-tong, Sam Sul-hing, Ho Yuk-kwong, Luk Oi-wan, Leung Chao-ye, Chan Wing-juk, Lai Yiu-kau, Ho Fook-sun, Luk Yung-cheung and many others.

The boys' events will be run in three sections—Senior, Junior and Midget—and the girls' events in a Senior and Junior Section.

The programme will cover the standard Olympic events—except for the distance runs—in the Boys' and Girls' Senior section. Junior size shots, discs and javelins will be used.

OPEN EVENTS
Open to the Colony events will be a 400 Metres Relay for men, a 400 Metres Relay for women and a 3,000 Metres race.

Army's Annual Cross-Country

The Army team and individual cross-country championships will take place on Friday, December 5. Entries close on Saturday November 29. A full list of the entries and details of the course will be published early next week.

Today's Badminton

The following matches are down for decision to-night: Division Police "White" v Kowloon Tong, CMC v Police "Blue", CCC v HKU, "Ming" v "Green" Doubles, Kowloon v New Territories, CMC v Union, CCC "Yellow" v CCC "Green".

'SUNSET' SATIRE CATCHES UP WITH SWANSON

DAVID LEWIN'S
Spotlight



THE 1952 SWANSON... none of the old tricks has been forgotten.

GLORIA SWANSON, who swept back as a screen personality with a sizzling performance of a fading star in "Sunset Boulevard" two years ago, has made another film, "Three for Bedroom C."

Now life has caught up with her film part. Let me be frank about it: 53-year-old Gloria Swanson is now a fading star in fact.

After the warm glow of "Sunset Boulevard" comes the cold night. Her new film is a fascinating study and a cruel lesson for stars who believe that a 1920 personality can stand a continued critical examination in the 1950's.



With leading man James Warren, Gloria Swanson chose him for her new film.



Villain's Lament

It seems that Hollywood is the only place that a Continental with a throbbing accent is allowed to make love. In England a foreigner is a villain, or he's funny; he rarely gets the girl in the end.

Down at Pinewood Albert Lieven is a rogue again in "Desperate Moment." He looks on ruefully while Dirk Bogarde has all the fun that's going with Mai Zetterling.

Yet, says Albert, "I've been filming in Germany and I'm always the hero. The girls seem to like me, too."

Lieven is in the same fix as Herbert Lom, who would have the Boyer impact if he were allowed to stop his skullduggery. And they would both out-gle Fernando Lamas.

Study these three pictures from her new film, and you will see the 1952 Swanson.

It was haunting and daring for Gloria Swanson to satirise her leopard skin era in "Sunset Boulevard." It is not so much fun to see her imitate herself in her new film, playing an ageing top star who says: "You should have your mouth wide open when someone tells her she is 'Not a kid any more.'"

But it is all the technique, the technique of the line of Hollywood leading men, Marion Brando.

Now it's TV. In America Gloria Swanson knows by now that her bid to sustain her "Sunset" success has failed. I hope her new film does better in Britain; it deserves to. But it will have to

get by without the prestige of a West End premiere.

She has still not given up the fight to stay out of the shadows. She tried a couple of plays and now, in a tempestuous swirl, she has gone off to Mexico to make films for TV.

But that 1950 come-back is now almost a curiosity.

Miss Peek-a-Boo
—now there's a girl with

flair



BLACK-CAT LOOK: Joan Greenwood in her French-made film.

WHEN the light burns until three in the morning in a Chelsea studio flat off King's Road—it is Joan Greenwood staying up late reading, reading, reading play scripts and saying No, No, No.

Why these Noes, when every play, film, and TV producer in town is dashing round with his latest offers? A desire to be difficult? Temperament to tease?

I say neither, and I'll give you the reason in the dictionary definition—theme word of the week—FLAIR: "instinctive discernment." That is the Greenwood flair, and it explains her feeling that now she should wait to play a part she can believe in, "not something I have to apologise for afterwards."

IT'S UNEXPECTED

The Greenwood flair pops up unexpectedly. In "What's My Line?" with rhinestone earrings and wrong guesses, her flair was to make men like me want to rush over to help her.

FLAIR for knowing when to change her line. So, after a TV parlour game, came the intensely dramatic, "The Doll's House"—and sure success—with a demand from the BBC to repeat it. ("But why repeat it?" she asks. "Something new, please.")

FLAIR for finding her own private fun by disappearing for a couple of days at Christmas and playing a clown (unknown to anyone) in a circus.

The other day I saw Joan Greenwood in a film made in France—"Mr Peek-a-Boo." Flair again. Watch how she glides in a quaint black-cat costume as a burglar.



SILHOUETTE... Joan Greenwood as a burglar, outlined against the night sky.

Her flair helps to put over the film's delightful idea—about a man who walks through walls. Her own flair for fun bubbled over when she found that after the French film men had the idea they realised they couldn't manage the technical tricks. They had to send for an expert from England.

All these Greenwood assets are genuine flair, which is not as common in show business as many think.

It wasn't flair, for instance, when Max Bygraves repeated a successful routine so often in the West End that people found themselves paying two or three times to see the same material.

IT'S NOT OBVIOUS

It isn't flair for Marilyn Monroe to become the mouthpiece for obviously studio-scripted wisecracks. Latest: "I always ignore traffic lights. When you have seen one you have seen them all."

Joan Greenwood does not make such mistakes. Note, too, that she never trades solely on one of her distinctive qualities—that curling, beguiling voice. Not doing the obvious things—that, too, is flair.

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Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



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